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Box Score

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ARMSTRONG STATE							USC AIKEN	
3	Final	1	2	3	4	T	1	
	ARMSTRONG STATE (25-6)	25	20	25	25	3		
	USC AIKEN (28-4)	17	25	20	21	1		



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**MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga.** - The third-seeded Armstrong State University volleyball squad upended second-seeded USC Aiken, 3-1, on Saturday to advance to the 2016 Peach Belt Conference Tournament title match in Milledgeville. Set scores were: 25-17, 20-25, 25-20, 25-21.

GAME LEADERS
ARMSTRONG STATE
K: Autumn Mayo - 13
B: Raquel Kulak - 5
D: Raegan Grooms - 16

The Pirates (25-6) halted a 17-match winning streak for the Pacers (28-4) and will advance to the title match for the eighth time in the last nine seasons, facing top-seeded Flagler - 3-1 winners over fourth-seeded Francis Marion - at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Armstrong State hit .325 in taking the first set from the Pacers, but watched USC Aiken rally back to take the second set and even the match up at one set apiece. The Pirates used a 7-1 run midway through the third set to take the 25-20 win and go ahead two sets to one. In the fourth set, the Pirates never trailed, eventually building a 21-15 lead and holding on for the victory.

The Pirates hit .202 for the match, while USC Aiken hit just .109. Armstrong State placed four players in double digit kills, led by freshman **Autumn Mayo**'s season-high 13 kills. Sophomore **Raquel Kulak** notched 12 kills, hitting .370, to go with five blocks while senior **Rachel Thompson** added 11 kills and sophomore **Raegan Grooms** notched 10 kills and a team-high 16 digs. Sophomore **Carley Eiken** delivered 44 assists and collected 15 digs.

USC Aiken got 13 kills from Taylor Stratton, 36 assists from Emily Teelon and 20 digs from Danielle Mercer on the evening.

Armstrong State has captured five PBC Tournament titles previously, in 2002, 2008, and from 2012-14. The Pirates have appeared in the title match a PBC-record 16 times, counting this season.



SA: Iva Sceanovic - 1
USC AIKEN
K: Taylor Stratton - 13
B: 2 Players (#20, #21) - 3
D: Danielle Mercer - 20
SA: Rebecca Martinez - 2

TEAM STATS		
ARMSTRONG STATE		USC AIKEN
.202	Hitting %	.109
9.0	Blocks	5.0
78	Digs	78
1	Aces	4

FULL STATS



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